

SQUAT IT

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July/Aug



Unemployed issue

including....

How to Combat Offensive Billboards booklet

WOT'S HAPPENING??



(...more on
page 7)

12/5 - The answering machine is dead...
....long live the answering
machine. We sent it to Dr Dick-
consultation fee \$55

- Another empty fills the files
(West Brunswick)

16/5 - 7 squat house in Oakleigh caus-
ing confusion for FUSION (refuge
grp who left it empty[????]) who
want them out 'cos they've been
[shock-horror!!]...drinking.
But owner (Oakleigh Council)
don't give a shit (what's new?)
Sorry FUSION, but we can't wait
for the cystem forever.

24/5 - National day of Action - full of
fun and homicidal Fitzroy cop-
pers (see page)

27/5 - Request for info to be sent - on
average, it's still one request
per day and increasing. Interest
grows as the system continues
to rot!

28/5 - Benefit Gig for the Rent Strike
in Braybrook Maidstone - \$150
raised. (Would have been more
had it not been for the mercen-
ary attitude of one of the bands
We mention no names...but you
know who you are...and so do we!

31/5 - First RTT hearing of a rent
strikers case - unsuprisingly
the RTT supports the private
property concept - strikers
walk out of hearing midway (see
report page)

- Power gone from the Fire Station
(Oh no!...not again!!)

1/6 - First day of winter and what a
lovely sunny day [Typical
unreliability!]

- return of the power, just a mis-
placed bill (Phew!)

2/6 - Fitzroy Coucil officialdom arr-
ives at Fire Station to 'inspect'
building causing much concern &
paranoia.

- Person wants to squat empties
in Bairnsdale - Squatters ARE
everywhere!!

- 2 more govt empties - MORE govt
inefficiency.

3/6 - Another squat opens in Brod-
meadows.

7/6 - \$200 offered for use of Fire
Station for making of film...
.....who are we to refuse??!

- A Blaze of Outrage (S.I.#13)
outrages reader -a reply in
return, to come (but it never
does)

9/6 - Inundated with enquiries for
info to squat. Squat the lot!...
....it's ours by right anyway!
- New squat opens in West Melb.

14/6 - Dead day - not a peep from the
phone, not a visitor at all.

15/6 - Maidstone squat threatened with
eviction - squatter moves out.

- Another squatter takes up resi-
dence in Broady - Seems to be
more MOH empties than tenants
out there!!!!

- Another empty rung in - another
(potentially) happy squatter.

20/6 - Paranoia re: Firestation laid to
rest - No threat of eviction...
....yet!

- New squat in Hurstbridge.

- Another squat opens in the SE.

CONTRIBUTE NOW!!!

EDITORIAL POLICY

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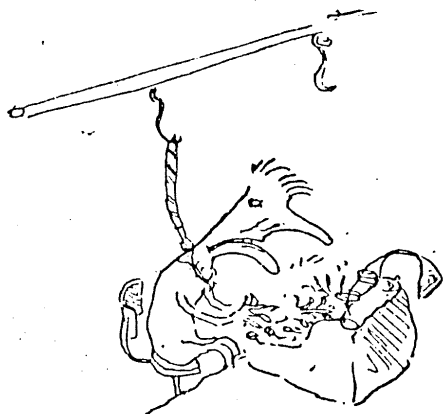
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- 23/6 - Neither sleet, nor snow, nor rain, nor... transport strike, will stop the union from operating. More power to the workers!
- 2 more empties phoned in.
- 24/6 - West Melb squat threatened with eviction (False alarm fortunately)
- 27/6 - Let us rejoice...for the answering machine been resurrected....
...for \$55 (I wouldn't mind crucifying Dr Dick)
- New squat opens in Coburg.
- 29/6 - More empties dobbed in, this time in Pt Melb.
- Fucking building inspectors again - maybe we can burn them to keep warm?
- 30/6 - Obscene phone call.. "You're all a bunch of commo's" - Huh!, what an insult.
- 3/7 - Northcote Leader does follow up to National Day of Action article Who said that demo's were ineffective??!
- 4/7 - American Independence Day - and to commemorate it...they shot down a passenger airliner - Wonder what they do for Thanksgiving..?
- 5/7 - New squat in Braybrook and another in Dallas (no, it wasn't an international phone call)
- 6/7 - Another empty comes in...St Kilda this time, another of Bondy's investments??? Hope so!



2 LAYOUT - 12 HOURS PLUS....
& THE SAME PIECE OF CHEWING GUM!

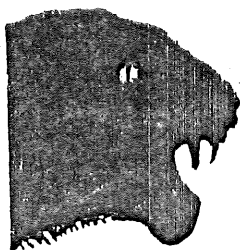
THE SQUATTERS⁴ Union

EXPLAINED!

The Squatters Union is NOT an 'alternative housing service' - we receive NO govt funding, and run on a volunteer basis with donations coming from supportive individuals and subscriptions from funded groups.

We exist to support squatters and, more generally, any community managed housing. We DO NOT tell squatters what to do - merely outline options, giving advice and support.

The Union operates collectively and is open to all who agree to abide by our Aims and Principles (see *previous Squat-It's*) We support other squatter groups being formed and will work with them even if our political aims are different. In the past we've worked with groups in Laverton, Geelong, La Trobe Valley and West Melbourne.



"IF YOU'RE NOT PART
OF THE SOLUTION, THEN
YOU'RE PART OF THE
PROBLEM"

Presently the union has about 10 active members. (it fluctuates alot!) Who meet every wednesday at 4:30 to make the week to week decisions concerning the operation of the union. We make all decisions by consensus - however non-squatters have no power to block decisions. (Where-as squatters do.)

The day to day running of the Union is via a roster, with Fridays generally being a wimmins only day, though prospective (male) squatters can come in for info etc...

The following are regular activities of the Union:

* Radio Show - Squatters On Air,
11:30 am
Radio 3CR
855AM

- with all the latest news on squatt-ing and related issues (ie. unemployment, police powers etc)
- Also an all night show 2am - 6am Wed mornings (though this is not STRICTLY an SU show)

*SQUAT IT: - a 28-40 page magazine brought out every 2 months and

available through subscription (as much as you can afford) and FREE to squatters.

- * COMMUNITY CAFE: - Every Thursday night
 - 253 Wellington Street Collingwood
 - Entry is free as is the food and entertainment, but donations are always needed to keep it operating. (this venue may change suddenly so call the SU for up-to-date info.)

- * TELEPHONE ADVICE LINE: - operates
 Mon-Fri - 12noon-4:30pm
 - Gives advice regarding how to squat
 Legal rights, getting in, evictions,
 empty houses etc etc...

We also produce leaflets, badges, stickers and posters, distributing them at stalls, at markets, demos and festivals. We also hold the occasional gig to raise \$\$\$\$ for ourselves or other groups needing help.

We resist evictions (of both squatters and tenants) via media publicity, letter-boxing, paste-ups, and negotiations with landleeches.

If this fails, we help set up community pickets outside of the squat &, if necessary, occupy the house and/or physically resist the eviction attempt. In this area, as in all others, we follow the directives of the occupiers ie. they have the last say as to tactics.

Post-eviction?...we try to assist with transport, new accomodation where possible, and pickets of the landleeches office/house to inform the public of what's going on.

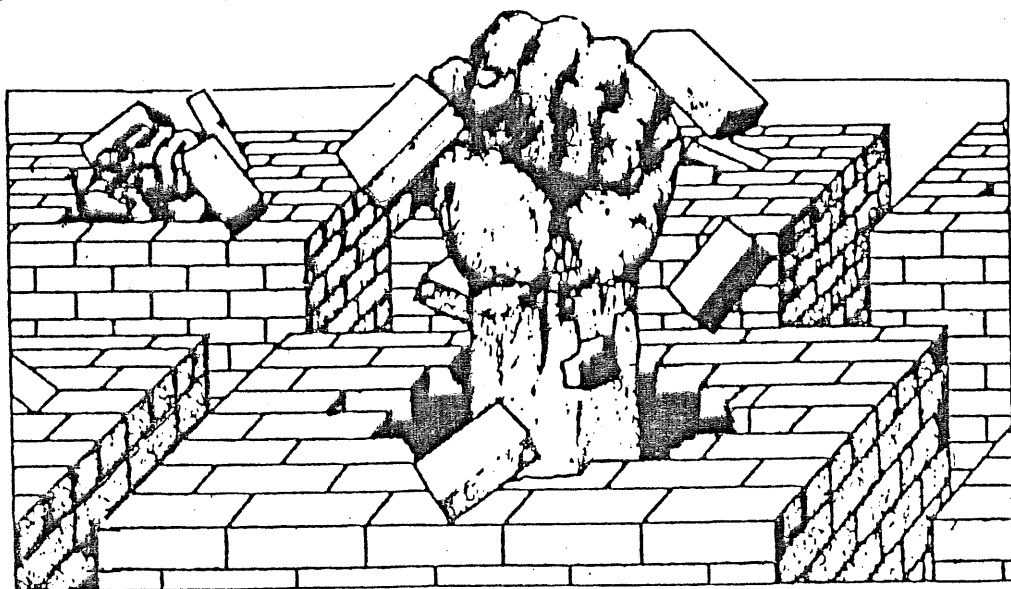
Houses are EMPTY

People are HOMELESS

Squatters say OCCUPY

We work closely with the Unemployed Workers Union [not suprising considering the strong inter-relation of the issues], and in Feb (88) organised the the National Union of Unemployed Peoples (NUUP) Conference.

We are also constantly involved in a number of solidarity activities -supporting the BLF's struggle, participating in anti-warship actions, the Miss Vic Quest demonstrations, and currently we are involved with the Braybrook/Maidstone rent strike. We offer our solidarity to all who struggle against capitalism, the State, and the patriarchy.



SO WHAT CAN I DO?

- * Get involved in the Union - do a roster - contribute at meetings. (It's easier than you think!)
- * Call in any empty houses you come across - gather as much info as Possible - ie. how many rooms, are the essentials services intact (land



-leeches are rekknowned for their destruction of houses to dter homeless people from squatting), how long has it been empty (old mail can give you an idea of this) and lastly, who owns it.
- if you can't get in, don't worry, call it in anyway.

- * Give us \$\$\$money\$\$.....Subtle eh?? Maybe a subscription to Squat It???

Just send us:

A Name! (any name....)
An address to send it to.
(A donation is always appreciated)

- * Join our Anti-Eviction squad in your neighbourhood:

Please send us:

- A Psuedo-Nym
 - Address
 - Phone
 - What suburbs you can help in
 - Whether you've got a station wagon [or any large vehicle] or a trailer you can lend/or drive yourself.
 - How much time have you got, and when
 - Do you have any skills (eg. welding, languages, plumbing, electrician etc)
 - Do you have any 'alternative' means of communication - CB's, handheld radios etc.
- * Write for Squat-It and/or assist in layout, production, distribution.
 - * Get involved in the radio show.
 - * BECOME ACTIVE!! IN THE SQUATTERS UNION, OR ELSEWHERE.



- *** For more information or involvement, come to:

The Community Fire Station
301 St Georges Road
North Fitzroy
3068

OR PHONE: 481-8097 (12-4:30pm)

WORK MEETINGS: Wednesdays 4:30pm

RIOT ON IN '88.....

Eddie Cameron, 23, was hung in Geraldton lockup on the 8th of July...one of more than 100 black people to die in police protection since 1980...and now even after the royal commission into these deaths has been going 6 months they are still dying or being murdered...

1000 people attended his funeral on the 25th and afterwards 400 marched on where the state cabinet was meeting. Cabinet rejected 10 of their 11 demands, one of which was an amnesty for other members of the Cameron Family...

Later that night a publican abused some black people at a pub...they called the police and asked them to take action against this blatant provocative racism...

Instead they arrested 7 people...

The community response to this police attack was laudable...hundreds took to the streets demanding the freeing of the 7 and caused \$100,000 damage to the main[rich white owned]street.

MORE WOTZ HAPPENED..

16/5 double terrace squat in Fitzroy evicted by owner and police at 11PM one house had already been trashed and after cleaning it up the squatters got blamed...these lovely houses in Nicolson st. are still empty. 2 arrests were made due to the appearance of an overly zealous seargeant from Fitzroy.

26/5 empty block of MOH flats in Braybrook squatted...lasted 2 weeks.

15/6 house in Collingwood squatted and tenancy negotiated with landlord...squattin can house you today!

9/7 squat in Brunswick[4 months old] evicted by owner...sold off everything after the 3q moved out inc. their kitchen shelves...now only the walls remain ...left for another year probably.

13/7 3 undercover police raid S.U.V meeting, arrest single parent for \$1,700 of outstanding fines...released 2 days later because the jails are too full and because they couldn't bash shit out of him b/c he had too much community support...

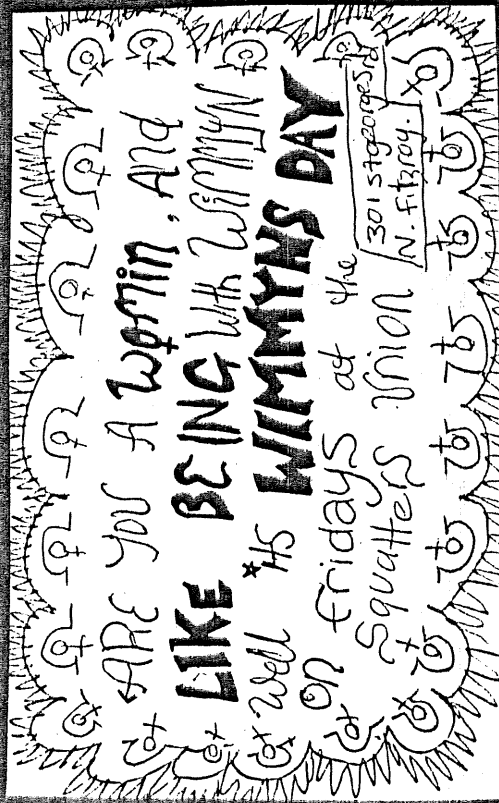
The 7 were released that night. But the police charged another 11 on the 26th including Eddie's father for incite to riot.

The WA Premier blamed this spontaneous community reaction to police aggression on 'outside agitators from Perth'[the oldest

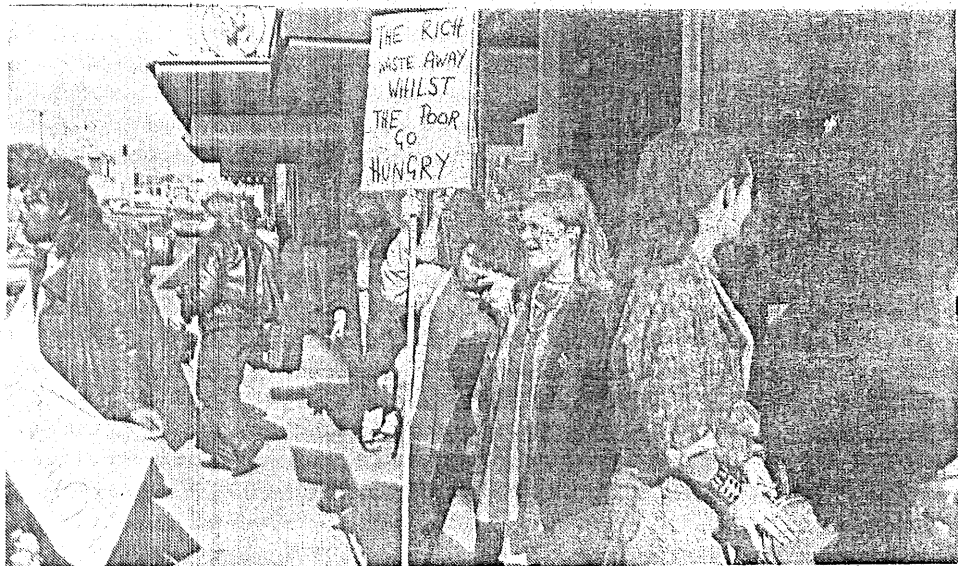
joke in the book...]and announced 1,000 more police officers to deal with this problem and other crimes of need caused by the property boom of the America's Cup. want to show your solidarity?

....the police are on your street too...

so far this year only the people of Altona have shown the type of community solidarity needed...the police tried to break up a fight between two gangs down there and the two groups ganged up and fought back...the police will be treading more warily next time...also some enterprising souls almost drove a semi trailer into the new[and empty]police station at Werribee but were thwarted by a patch of mud only 2 meters from the wall...better luck next time eh?



UNEMPLOYED TAKE ACTION



On the 24th of May, a Day Of Action by unemployed took place in Melbourne.

The action was in protest at the dole changes being introduced in the August Federal Budget; changes that will institute COMPULSORY 'trainee' and 'education' programs, turning unemployed people into a conscript labour force for the bosses and the government to exploit.

In Melbourne 30-40 people gathered in Preston (Nthern suburbs) and, after decorating an accompanying van with anti dolee-bashing banners, started the day by occupying the Preston DSS office, handing out leaflets, performing street theatre and talking to anybody interested.

After the Federal police evicted us from the premises we marched off down the street (stopping briefly at the CES) to catch transport to Coburg, where we intended to repeat the performance. Once there, however, we found ourselves locked out, and rather than inconvenience other dolees/recipients (they couldn't get in either) we decided to continue on to Brunswick,

stopping along the way to do more theatre and leafletting.

We continued this strategy (more or less) all day visiting Brunswick, Northcote, and Fitzroy DSS offices, marching, singing, and leafletting all the way.

At 4pm, with all the dole offices closing, we headed for parliament house where we had advertised a rally to end the days activities.

Up until then the coppers had been pretty low key with only a token car load of boys tailing us from suburb to suburb - that is until Brunswick, where, leaving by a rear door of a cafe we had taken a break in, and taking back alleys, we were able to give them the slip. [it would have been good to be around when they tried to explain how 4 of "Victoria's Finest" were able to lose 30 people on foot!]

However, our march up the centre of Brunswick St, in peak hour, attracted the attention of the local Fitzroy 'boys', who, after showing off their fancy siren and pretty blue lights,

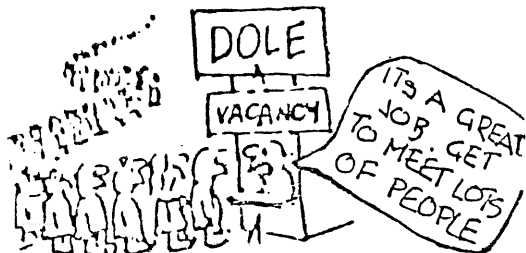
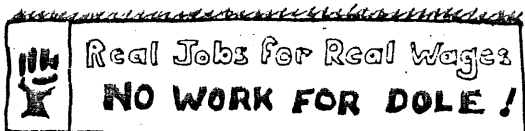
demanding that we get off the road. After being ignored for some time, despite their continuous rantings over the bullhorn, their true homicidal nature got the better of them and they attempted to run over one of the marchers. Only a timely backward glance, and a quick leap, avoided a serious injury.

Eventually we arrived at parliament house which was protected by a line of police looking very pissed off about having to be out in the cold with rain threatening, and even more pissed off when we ignored the questions regarding what we ".....intended to do next....."

After a few impromptu soap box speeches, some more leafletting, and a few interview/word games with the media, we decided to 'exercise the officers' and set off at a run, straight down Bourke St to the city mall with confused officers in tow, madly panting into their radios.

In the mall, feeling tired, cold, and hungry (but still buzzing from the days activities) we watched the coppers catch their breath, distributed the last of the leaflets to curious bystanders and headed off, in 2's and 3's (for safety) to our respective homes.

Overall we felt the day was a great success - everyone enjoyed themselves, we got our message across to 100's of people and gave the state a taste (admittedly a mild one) of some Direct Action: a warning of things to come if they continue the attacks on, and exploitation of, the unemployed workforce.



On Friday morning, eight of July a soup kitchen was held at Fitzroy DSS. It was organised by the squatters union and the unemployed workers union with the aim of drawing attention to the planned changes (abolition) of the dole (if you want the shit scared out of you read the article on page 28)

The idea behind the day was solidarity not charity', getting dolees together to talk about how we will all be effected by the changes and encourage people to support each other and organise to fight the latest threat to our existence.

It was a really good day with heaps of dolees stopping to chat and have some pumpkin soup (contrary to popular belief squatters are really good cooks) We also had some street theatre happening and played music and generally had a good time, much to the confusion of the ss officers (why are they all smiling?) who i think tried to ignore us and get on with the job of harrassing the unemployed. But the people who were most impressed were those waiting for a counter cheque as it gave them something to do apart from read the dss pamphlets. Since we all had such a good time, we will probably have more soup kitchens in the future at different ss offices around the city. If you're interested in helping out or want to know when the next one will be, drop us a line at the community fire station. So keep an eye out for us next time you go to stick in your form and join us for a bowl of soup and a chat.

REPRESSION



SLAVERY YESTERDAY : FREEDOM TOMORROW?

WORK FOR THE DOLE THEN AND NOW!

The latest moves by the slimey ones who "lead " us, is that they can tell anyone on a bennifit or pension that the think cappable to do work experiance. This is no more than a dollied up version of work for the dole (also known as civil conscription).

In the thirties; the great depression the then leaders of the masses contrived a scheme to "soak up" the pool of unemployed.

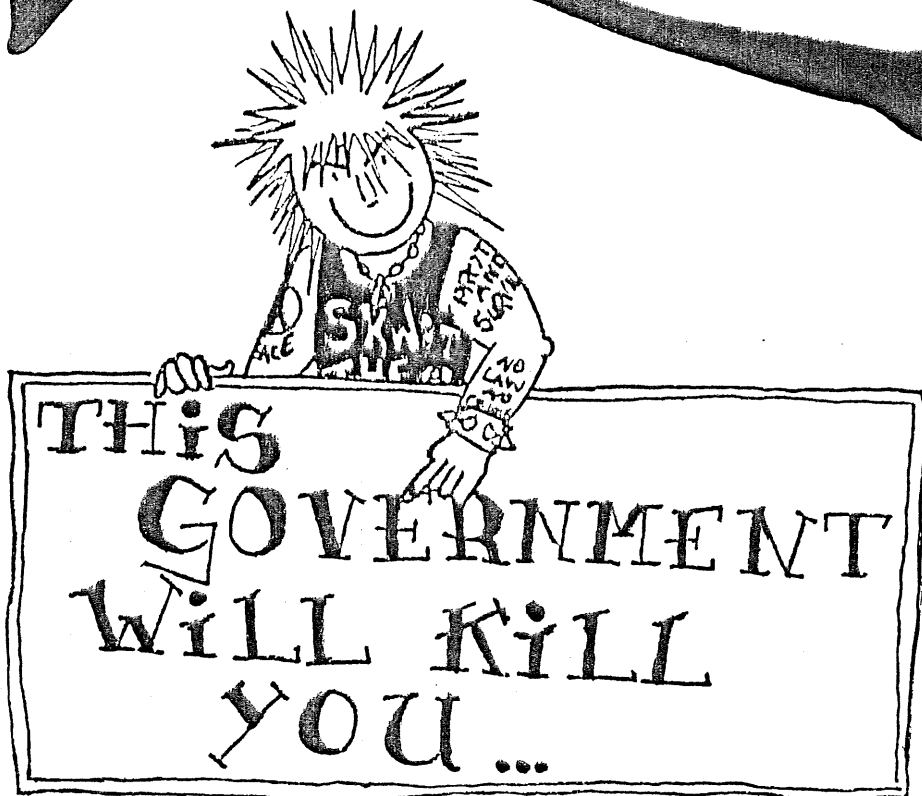
In exchange for a workers hard labour a bowl of soup a hunk of stale bread a tent shared and maybe a few pennies were offered; then just like now workers would be forced to work in substandard conditions

both grossely inadequate and exploitative. The Great Ocean Road along victorias south west coast in an unnecessarily work intensive way, certainly they would have had their conscripts digging with toothpicks if they could've gotten away with it! Of course if that wasn't your cup of tea then there was cutting up cork into small pieces to make the pips in the strawberry jam that we all so like.

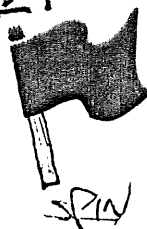
By doing pretend jobs our illustrious leaders can create a cheap labour pool for the bosses, without any of the award condiotions anyone takes for granted. No award wage, no sick pay, no workcare, nothing but slavery!

By allowing ourselves to exploited
in this way we are expected to be
gratefull for the crumbs that
the fat bourgeois swine let fall
into our calloused hands but to
actually feel proud to be privaliged

enough to work and be "independant"
when then reallity is totally the
opposite! To do something about this
we need to unite, and work together
in such groups as the UNEMPLOYED
WORKERS UNION or the SQUATTERS
UNION



RESIST
RESIST
OBTAIN
REFUSE



TOOMELAH MISSION is 20 km east of the Boggabilla on the banks of the Macintyre river. Aboriginal people of the Kamilaroi tribe (murrui) were exiled there in 1914. Today there are still 500 people in the original 40 housing commission shacks. It is now autonomous land, out of bounds to the white man (gubbah). In the past there was on site supervisors, church minister and school headmaster.

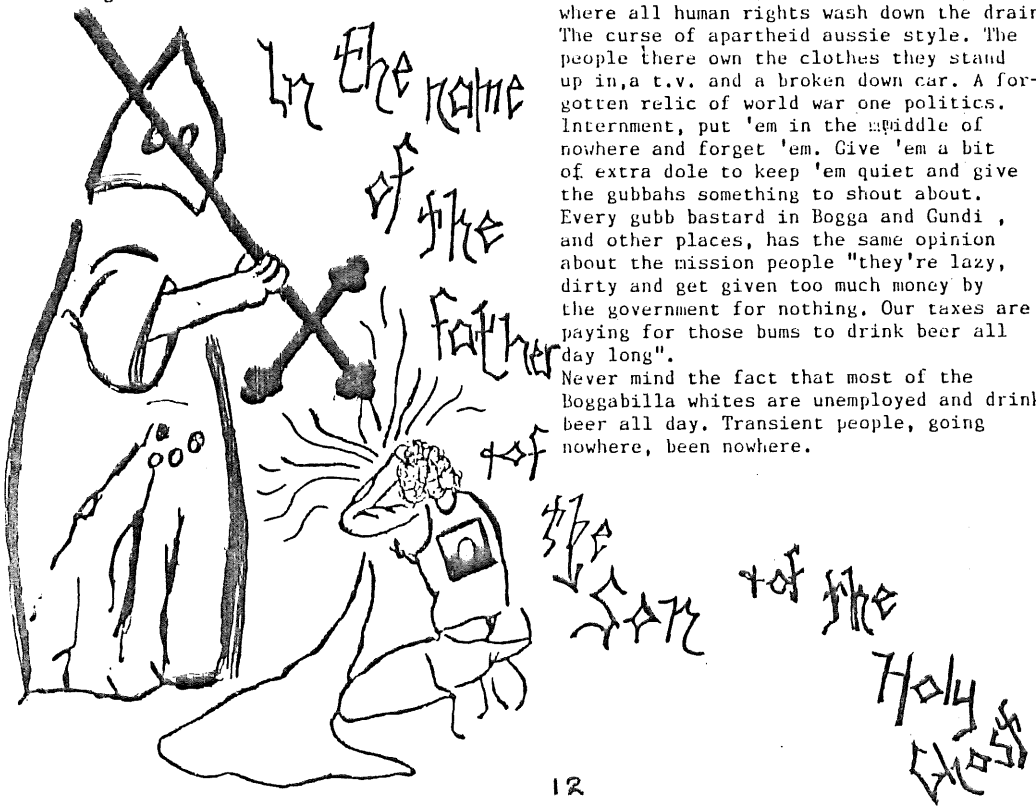
The school is two storey timber with five gubbah teachers. There is a rapid turnover of teaching staff. Teachers have been seen running to their cars after one hour, locking the doors and tearing out in a cloud of dust, never to be seen again. Boggabilla and Goondiwindi are twin towns, like east and west Berlin. The Macintyre river is the Queensland boarder. Bogga has the boondock feel, wrong side of the tracks poorer, smaller etc, then Toomelah, the back door of white Australian society. The end of the line.

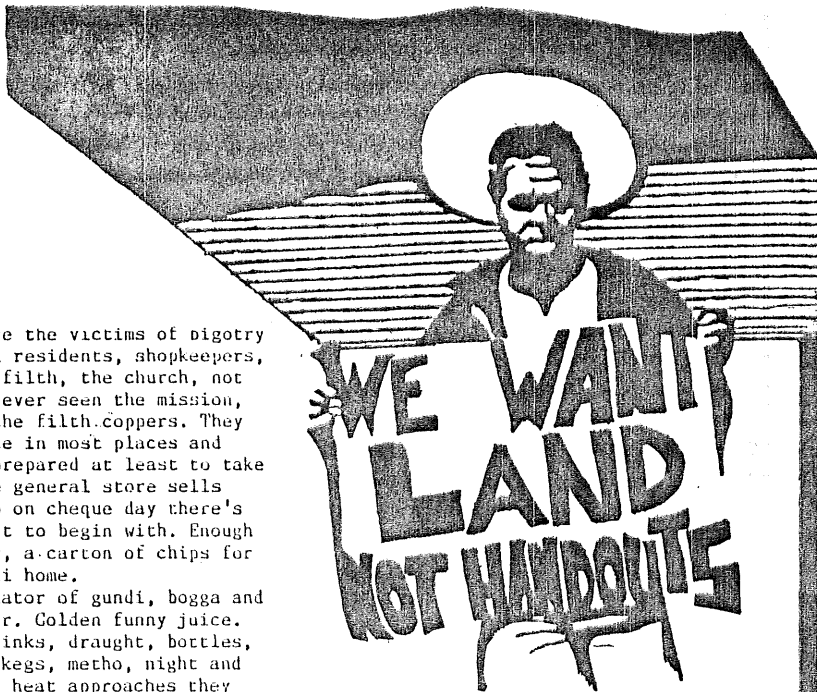
Goondiwindi, satellite city, cockies retirement papadise, golden calf rodeo ring, Joe country. The rent is Sydney prices. There's money. The upper crust import Italian designer clothes, shoes, cars, food. The lower crust gets kicked in the head. Goondiwindi is a koori word meaning PLACE FULL OF BIRD SHIT

Boggabilla, junction of five highways. 400 trucks, range rovers, caravans, boat trailers and cars pass through the main street every day. Aussies on the run. The truckies stop for their wide open beaver books, not sold in Queensland (Joe keeps a clean state). They can pick up a coffee and the waitress for a quickie in the truck. 200 people live there. There's a pub, P.O., school and catholic church (the anglican church closed down due to lack of interest), general store, butchers and of course the cop shop. Rents are high. Houses are hard to find, but for somerconson people want to live there., and will pay to do it. Out in these parts people don't build houses, they move them there on trucks, usually cut in half. No trees are left to cut down and bricks are no good on the black soil plains. In fact nothing much grows there anymore, except deformity. Years of crop dusting does wonders for mutating the way of life. Boggabilla is a koorie word meaning oak tree on a high bank. There's no high banks, even the name is a misconception. The rates are low in Bogga that's cause there's no services.

Toomelah is a pit. Nothing works, there's no shop, petrol, doctor, money, standard of living, hot water, sewerage. There's not even a gutter, this place is a gutter where all human rights wash down the drain. The curse of apartheid aussie style. The people there own the clothes they stand up in, a t.v. and a broken down car. A forgotten relic of world war one politics. Internment, put 'em in the middle of nowhere and forget 'em. Give 'em a bit of extra dole to keep 'em quiet and give the gubbahs something to shout about. Every gubb bastard in Bogga and Gundi, and other places, has the same opinion about the mission people "they're lazy, dirty and get given too much money by the government for nothing. Our taxes are paying for those bums to drink beer all day long".

Never mind the fact that most of the Boggabilla whites are unemployed and drink beer all day. Transient people, going nowhere, been nowhere.





Toomeian people are the victims of digotry by hogga and gundi residents, shopkeepers, the hospital, the filth, the church, not many of whom have ever seen the mission, except of course the filth coppers. They are refused service in most places and scorned by those prepared at least to take they're money. The general store sells booze on credit so on cheque day there's not much money left to begin with. Enough for a case of beer, a carton of chips for the kids and a taxi home.

The common denominator of gundi, bogga and the mission is beer. Golden funny juice. Almost everyone drinks, draught, bottles, cases, six packs, kegs, metho, night and day. As the summer heat approaches they drink more, the hand to mouth ritual takes up all the energy they can muster.

The main topics of conversation are the weather, "christ it's hot", "ya think it will rain?", "the sun came up this morning" fishing, pig shooting and the great flood of '76 (bogga went right under, so did the mission, the river knows best). The women talk about the soopies. Football, rugby league, segregated of course, (the main difference being tha' murras get blind before the game, the gubbs after).

It's common in most aussie pubs that koories drink in the back bar, that is if they are allowed in at all. Unlegislated apartheid. None of the gundi pubs allowed them in.

When the anti-discrimination laws came in (late 70's) a few brave mission men forced their presence on the gundi pubs and, after being thrown out, took the publican to court. Take any businessman to court and it costs him heaps, even if you loose. Time is money, and reputation is the law. They had them by the balls until Joe made up his own discrimination laws. Basically everyone other than real aussie blokes and sheilas with red necks was able to be refused a drink. Blacks, pooftas, drug users, (except valium) womyn, kids or anyone suspected as such were banned from any pub in queens-slander (clean state). After an old mission man was clubbed near death after entering the Vic hotel via the toilet window by five bouncers, the mission retaliated by smashing every pub window in the main street of gundi. 70 years of back

pay. Roadblocks wre set up to prevent any murras from entering queensland, no matter what reason. The papers called it a riot. They called it many things except the truth. Violence is the summer fun and these parts "haven't had a good blue in ages".

"Can't stand people mistreating animals" and "kill the black cunt". "Getting any Merve", "king brown snake over there, grab me that gun sonny?"

You don't stop moving in these parts, constantly brushing flies, mossies, wasps, magpies, gallahsoff the windscreen, yabbies in the river, march flies that bite so bad, mungis (head ,lice) bindiis off the feet, burrs off the clothes, bird shit, its nerve wracking. Ya go beserk, spaspackers, bonkers. Bugs bashing your brains out as youtry to watch a tv screen covered with them at night, bloke may as well watch the ABC".

The murras had a band at the bogga pub once. A brand new copper turned the music down without asking and caused an argument. The papers called it a riot. After he started shooting and an extra 40 cops arrived from over the boarder it was a riot. One late night of music every five years is all most yobbos can handle. Everyone knows that "blacks are slow".

Alternative I.D. and THE LAW

IT IS NOT ILLEGAL TO HAVE A FALSE IDENTITY, IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE A FALSE NAME FOR FRAUDULANT PURPOSES.

Building up a legal alternative i.d. is quite a process. A good place to begin is the public library. Depending on the library you'll need proof of i.d. or address. An official looking letter will do the job. Post it to yourself and fumble for it at the appropriate moment. Another good spot to start is the M.T.A. (Metropolitan transit authority) Photocard from 673 Bourke street, the card is for purchasing periodical tickets and you supply your own transport photo. No i.d. required. Video shops often issue identification cards.

The very keen could enrol at an educational institution to get an I.d card although fees make that a very expensive option, maybe there's a free one that issues cards.

Write to the tax department asking some questions, when you receive the reply you can use the letter to open an account in the name of that address. One of the best ways is to get on the electoral role. Obtain a form from the electoral commission have it witnessed by someone on the electoral role (Like John Elliot) and return it.

Lodge a tax return with enough information on it to convince them that it's real but to little to be detected. A group certificate from a casual employer can be a good start on this. "Housewife" will suffice in the "Why is this your first return" box. Aim for a medicare card - it requires three types of solid identification.



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VALID WORLD WIDE



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The World Tonight

Corruption allagations forced the government to end
the pope has had enough and tried
to kil himselfagain, ..
The children in Afghanistan
don't think the war is funny
and yoko released a statement that
John just did it for the money.

A nuclear reactor blew up and
nobody got hurt,while there's
still 20,000 people starving in the
desert.

A scintist has invented a whole
that people go and shit in
and reverend Nile is collecting
funds to get his dealer out of prison



Another jumbo was hi-jacked
somewhere in the middle east
and a Tibetan monk went crazy
and was shot down by police.

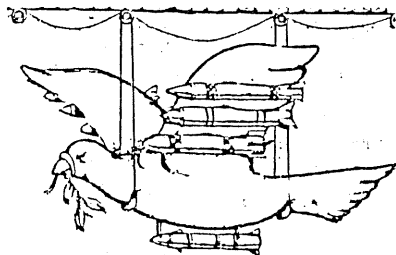
They say that smoking ciggarettes
will really make you healthy
while Rupert Murdoch had the world
blown up to make a beter story.

A radical new religion said that
theend of life is dawning
and Mrs Pile is sueing the diary
cause the milk was late again this
morning.

Mexico just sold another mountain
to the states
and Reagan and Gaddiffi turned
out to be good mates.

They say democracy will bring
forth peace and order
and Gorbachov just killed a man
for sleeping with his daughter

The politicians all turned into
hippies,now there's no-one left
to fight,
I sit here dribbling insanly
watching the world tonight.



7 mths on... ... the struggle continues....

As the Braybrook/Maidstone rent strike enters it's 8th month, the Ministry Of Housing and Construction (MOHC) has stepped up it's campaign to crush the strike and the rising militancy of the areas public housing tenants, and side-step the issue of substandard housing.

The strike was initiated in an effort to have 32 substandard flats (situated at Carlton/Commerce St's Braybrook) demolished. For 6 months now over 100 tenants have been withholding rent, placing it instead in a trust fund (set up by the Public Tenants Union [PTU] and administered by community and church representatives on the tenants behalf) to add weight to their demands.

The MOHC, in true beauracratically ignorant style, are intent on 'patching up' the flats; saying that they will be fine with a bit of 'upgrading', (even though several construction unions have stated otherwise), and have refused to negotiate with, or listento, the tenants demands, even though it is blatantly obvious that it would be more economical to replace the flats than to upgrade them to a livcable standard.

On the 31st of May, after failing to end the strike by cutting the PTU funding, the MOHC made another attempt to end the [then] 6 mth stand-off between the tenants and itself by taking one of the rent strikers to the RTT (Residential Tenancies Tribunal) declaring that she was in rent arrears, and requesting an 'Order of Possession' [Read: Eviction].

The striker, represented by a member of the Braybrook/Maidstone PTU, & supported by an occupation of the RTT lobby by 100 co-tenants and supporters, argued that they [the strkers] were

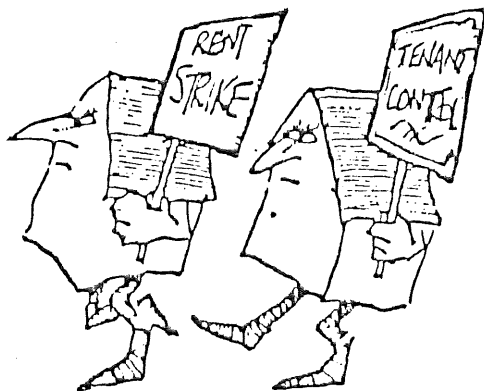
not, in fact, in rent arrears at all for 2 obvious reasons:

(1) - the alledged 'rent arrears' arose from a political dispute between the tenants and the Ministry.

AND

(2) - the rent owing was, in fact, available from the Trust Fund but was conciously with-held because of the dispute.

The RTT, hard-nosed and 'by the book' as usual, completely ignored these facts and insisted on continuing the hearing as a rent arrears case, prompting the immediate walkout by the tenant/s, PTU Reps, and supporters, all declaring they would continue, and intensify, the strike by encouraging more tenants to join the strike and with-hold rent.



A spokesperson for the group, Mr Eric Thomson, said: "The MOHC has to understand that tenants are not going to put up with substandard housing any longer. The flats the rent strike is aiming to have demolished are structurally unsound and upgrading them to an adequate standard would be uneconomic.....Trade Unions, Sunshine Council, and other housing groups are supporting the Braybrook/Maidstone strike in their [the tenants] efforts to have new townhouses erected in Braybrook. We will be resisting all attempts at eviction with all the force we can muster!!....."

However the, so far, token support from the unions, councils' and housing groups (with some exceptions) is not enough!! - Only Direct Action by workers through eviction, maintenance and rent collection bans, as well as stop works, go slows, strikes, and even sabotage, combined with solidarity between, and on-mass eviction resistance by, the tenants themselves will win the dispute: forcing the Ministry to demolish and replace the flats at the heart of the dispute and pave the way for further demands and improvements in our their standards of housing.

Messages of and/or support can be directed through the Braybrook/Maidstone PTU:

Flat 2/93 Hargreaves Cres.
Braybrook 3019
or 6 Commercial St
Maidstone 3012

PH: 311-3918 or 318-5824



MY GOD - IT'S ALL MY FAULT -
WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN...



HOW BLIND
- WHEN I
ASKED FOR MY FLAT TO BE FIXED
LAST WEEK I
DIDN'T THINK!



*** STOP PRESS *** STOP PRESS *** STOP PRESS *** STOP PRESS ***
* VICTORY FOR THE RENT STRIKERS * VICTORY FOR THE RENT STRIKERS *

After 7 mths, and with the full onslaught of winter, the rent strikers, solid til the end, were able to bring the strike to a close; forcing the Ministry to make unprecedented concessions, even though they weren't able to 'win' outright.

In exchange for calling off the strike, the MOHC agreed to several important, and temporarily adequate demands including:

- * the carpeting and insulation of the disputed flats [thereby cutting the energy costs of the tenants by at least 40%.
- * the removal of all asbestos cement board used in the construction of the flats.
- * the replacement of all stoves, heaters etc that are faulty and/or over 2 years old.
- * the allocation of \$1½ million for the above (and other extensive) renovations and upgradings.
- * the establishment of a redevelopment dept to look at further [future] redevelopment of public housing in the area.

A spokesperson for the strike stated ".....although the strike did not succeed in it's ultimate aim (the demolition and replacement of the 32 sub-standard flats), it was an important and unprecedented victory, which, far from buying the tenants docility, will in fact lead the way to further and more extensive demands for improvements in public housing and the inadequate system that 'administers' it, in the near future.

YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF DIRECT COMMUNITY ACTION GETTING THE GOODS!!!

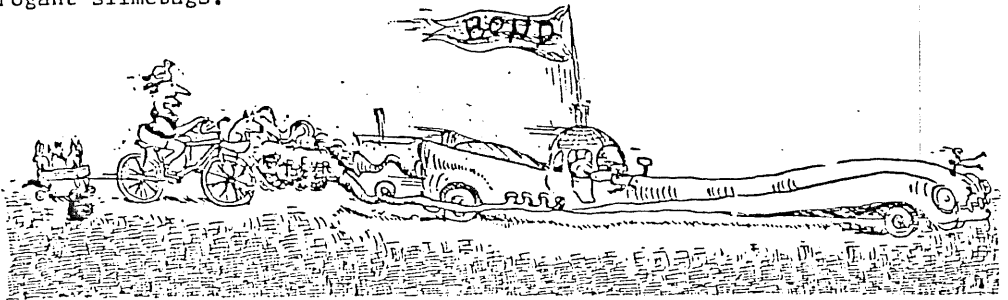
TEAR IT ALL DOWN AND TURN IT INTO YUPPIE TOWN.

Over the past year or so a vicious and bloody attack has mindlessly shattered and destroyed St-kilda. The pricks that have instigated this ruthless attack are the multi-corporate slimebags such as Bond who have proceeded to splash their filthy bloodmoney all over the town in an effort to basically buy the whole town, in an effort to turn it into some sort of yuppie mecca. One has only to go for a walk through St-kilda on a Sunday afternoon to see the evidence. The place is swarming with fucking yuppies being pretentious and sophisticated all over the place trying to act like some sort of sick European culture while around the corner the filth are beaten fuck out of some kid for daring to have holes in his jeans.

Rumor has it that Bond has bought up all of the forehore including the Prince of Wales, The Venue and the Esplanade. Give it a year and these great watering holes will be swarming with filthy yuppies like maggots over a rotting carcass, showing off their designer clothes and new cars as an extension of their all ready inflated egos, its enough to want to make you get a machine gun and blast the shit out of the arrogant slimebags.

The filth are revelling in the whole concept of yuppism, it gives them an excuse to bash, intimidate and harass any members of the public who they consider 'unworthy' of their sacred town. A number of my friends have been set up and falsely accused, when they are let off with what the Filth consider an unjust sentence they are set up again and charged, often with the same offence using the same informant, the whole thing sucks, but who gives a fuck when big bucks are paving the way to a new paradise.

Having been a resident of St-kilda and surrounding areas for a number of years I have been able to witness the results of the money flood that is drowning St-kilda. The most tragic element is the treatment of the older long term residents of the area, those 40 and above. A lot of these people have been living in the area for years, most of them have been in and out of psychiatric homes and are on medication. They live in boarding houses and blocks of flats,





How to combat offensive Billboards



SQUATTERS UNION DIRECT ACTION PAMPHLET No.1

HOW TO COMBAT OFFENSIVE BILLBOARDS

Most billboards attempt to brain-wash the reader into handing over cash for some dubious product or service. Many of the messages are offensive, and all are polluting to the landscape. To deal with them in true situationist style requires some alteration to the wording or art to cause future readers to laugh at the product being pushed; often such "respectable" drugs as tobacco and alcohol - unarguable contributors to bad health and deserving of a dismal fate!

Billboard graffiti is so simple you can organise it around just about anything. Even if you only paint one billboard per week you'll be costing the corporate pushers between \$500 and \$5,000 per year, depending on your thoroughness. It's a sad fact, but we've learnt through long experience that money is the only language billboard advertising companies understand. Nothing will get those offensive ads down faster than if their profits are reduced by escalating maintenance costs.

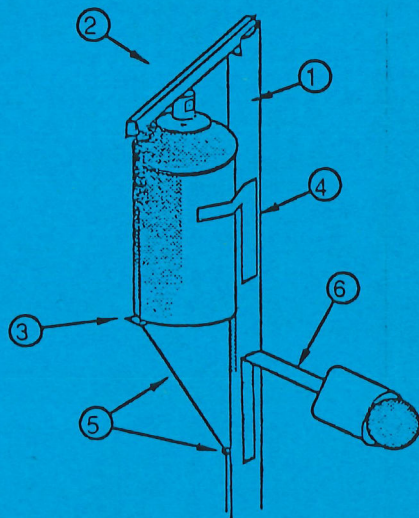
But even more important than this financial factor is the effect that the re-faced ad will have on those who read it. At the very least you'll be Speaking Up for Community Health - something that no government or borough council seems to care much about.

So just to show you how easy the whole operation is, 'circle A' now presents the Do-it Yourself Graffiti Guide.

First, you'll need to buy and test your equipment. Go to a shop (big chain supermarkets are usually the cheapest) and get your spray cans. Black and Chrome are the most versatile colours, but red, blue, purple and white are also effective on particular billboards. Spray cans must be shaken for at least a minute prior to use. Always test new cans as some are duds.

You can then find your tobacco and alcohol billboards and work out the easiest access and departure routes. Position some body to watch for the rare pig (the filth) who may happen upon you, and to chat with passers-by. Then, go for it!

ILLUSTRATION A



Try to break down the power of the billboard ad by *answering* it. Look at the space available and the way in which the words and images lend themselves to addition, alteration, or comment. We've found humour to be extremely effective in exposing the advertiser's real intentions - turning the ads message back on itself.

If the billboard proves too high to reach, you have a number of options open to you:

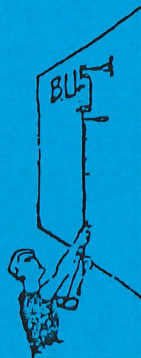
1. Get a ladder! This isn't altogether satisfactory, as you look rather conspicuous and any hasty retreat is made difficult.

2. Build a spraycan extension rod! Obtain a broom handle or some other solid, strong, but light weight pole - the longer the better of course, depending on how high the billboard you want to attack is. (See Illustration A, No. 1.) At one end cut out a wedge, half the width of the pole. Fit a metal bar to the remaining wood (No.2). 30cm. from this end, attach a support clamp which the can will rest on (No.3). Fit an angle bracket on each side of the pole, 20cm. from the end (No.4). The spraycan should slot between these brackets. Tie a length of plastic coated wire to the flat metal bar (No. 2) and feed it through a hole in the support clamp (No. 3) and screw eyes attached to the length of the pole (No. 5). This wire, when pulled, will press down the nozzle of the spray can and paint will spray out. An optional extra is the roll-top of a deodorant bottle, fitted to a support clamp (No. 6). This will help

maintain an even distance between the spray can and billboard (Illustration B.) We've had enormous success with these extension systems. They're a bit difficult to use at first, but practice makes passable!

3. Construct paint bombs! Take one raw egg. With a needle, drill a hole in the top of the egg, gently breaking away about a 1/2 square centimetre of shell (Illustration C, No. 1). Insert the needle and stir up the yolk and white. Poke another hole in the same end of the egg, about 3 cm from the first hole (Illustration C, No. 2). Blow through the second hole so that the yolk and white come out the first hole (Illustration D). Have an omelette! Make up a mixture of 50% black, red, yellow, blue, or fluorescent green oil-based paint, and 50% thinner (e.g. turpentine, petrol, or kerosene). Alternatively, make

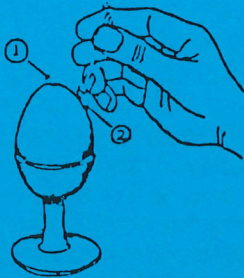
ILLUSTRATION B



up a solution of colourfast dye, mixing it with a thickener such as cornflour over heat until you get a gravy-type consistency. Pour this mixture into a thin-nozzled, screw-top bottle. Seal the second hole of

the egg with a pasty mixture of flour and water or candle wax (Illustration E). Pour in the paint/dye solution through the first hole (Illustration F), and seal it also.

ILLUSTRATION C



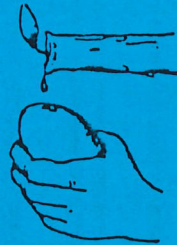
You now have a perfect-sized, semi-biodegradable missile. We've found these little beauties very effective.

One word of warning. Contrary to popular myth, the *worst* time to graffiti on billboards is between 10p.m. and 8a.m. During this period, there are proportionately more cops out on the road than at any other time, and often they

ILLUSTRATION D

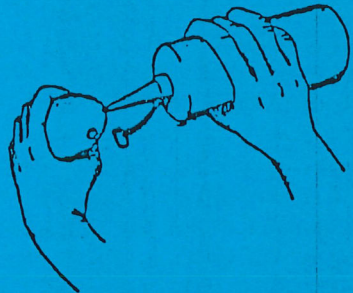


ILLUSTRATION E



haven't got anything better to do than arrest you. The majority of arrests (small in number compared to the number of billboards that have been re-faced) have been after midnight. In New South Wales

ILLUSTRATION F



there is the added danger of legislation brought in recently whereby it is deemed an offence by the state for a person to be found in the possession of a spraycan without adequate justification. This "crime" can carry a maximum jail term of three years! This law was of course brought in just in time for the Bicentennial- Hmmm funny that! So check out the law in your state before you do anything.

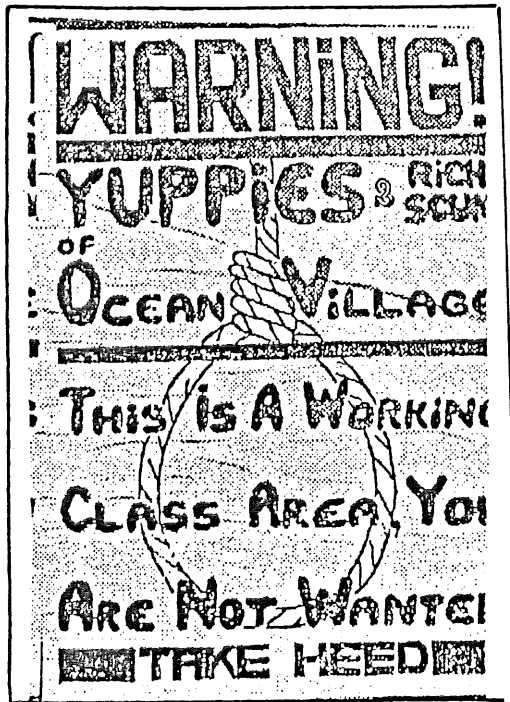
Well there you have it. Good luck, and see you on the billboards.

they form a close knit community and are very supportive of each other, this support is essential to each individual as it keeps them on the rails and out of the soul destroying institutes that leave them shadows of their formerselves. The greedy, mindless actions of these minority of overfed cats is going to and is wrecking the lives of these fragile humanbeings, again no-one gives a fuck because money is more important than lives in this wretched, inhumane, vile system. The fat cats are buying up all the flats and boarding houses in the area, turfing the resident out, leaving them to get scattered by the cold wind of progress. Where they go no-one knows, certainly not St-kilda as the lecherous real estate agents, having realised the money to be made certainly won't give them a place, where ever they go they certainly won't be together, they'll probably wind up in some psychiatric home being fed largactyl and staring blankly at the t.v. and that is where they'll die.

In the meantime Bond and all his cronies will be skulking champagne that is really blood and congratulating themselves on the millions they made, fucking parasitical leaches



"Give us a penny mister,
for Gand's sake."
"Couldnt do anything to destroy the spirit of
self reliance in the people, my dear."



|| from Southampton, England. ||
- Straight to the point

their the ones that should be fed largactyl and stare blankly at the t.v. for ever their lives are far less important than anyone else in this world. The whole town has been finished buy this bunch of arseholes, ever seeking more money so they can invest it in other ventures which will destroy hundreds more lives. St-kilda is a lost place now, the fat cats and filth have destroyed it, other places are going the same way, fitzroy and collingwood to name some. These bastards have got to go, especially that bloated pirate of the sky, Bond. the sooner his throat is cut the better, the killing of a tyrant is never murder, its an act of mercy enabling thousand of people to go free and to live their lives in relative freedom, the rich are a bunch of oppotunistic, gluttonous sores on the face of this planet, the sooner they are gone the sooner we can all go on with living.

KNOW YOUR ENEMIES

So ends another transport strike (a common occurrence since the introduction of the Metplan and rationalisation of govt services) with the losers, as usual, the workers, in this case Met maintenance workers, and public transport users. And after 3 days of no pay the strikers have nothing to show for it bar a piddling 0.5% increase on what the govt was willing to pay, and the transportees?nothing but 8 days of frustration, no transport, traffic jams, accidents and unbearable smog, with the blame being [unjustly] placed on the workers.

The pointlessness of the strike, as far as improving wages and conditions, was obvious from the start, and the real reasons behind the dispute, political ambition and greed (of beauracrats on both 'sides'), quite clear, in spite of the vigorous attempts by the govt, through the media, to make the blame stick to the workers.

The unions, of course, did [and does] nothing to refute these claims, for, like the wage fixing structure itself, they are part of the system, doing what is advantageous for themselves, and never really threatening the status quo for fear of losing their own cushy positions, and the convenience of allowing the rank 'n' file to cop the flack is not lost on them either.

Instead of demands, direct action, and rank and file control, they [the union bosses] prefer to "...entertain talks with the govt....", the concept of talking leading, inevitably, to job and wage losses, compromises and trade-offs - of workers conditions that is, never their own!

And what appeared to be an act of solidarity by maintenance workers in support of co-workers stood down due to bans placed in support of the ACTU's 6% wage claim, was, in fact, a political ploy; in reality not a strike but a high level political power-play between the govt [represented by the latest minister for transport, Jim Kennan], the ACTU (with their sellout mentality and 'negotiative' line) and Trades Hall Council, with John Halfpenny; Sec of not only the TMC, but also the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union [AMWU] - (the latest 'radical' union to 'battle it out' [over brandy at the Club perhaps?!?...] with the bosses) and as ambitious a beauracrat as any.

Clearly the present trade unions, and associated structures, are useless (and need to be replaced by true workers unions, organised and controlled by the rank and file.) and the govt. 'smash the unions' campaign, mostly covert and unseen with exceptions such as the political vendetta/war waged against the BLF, (culminating in the seizure of their assets in a raid late last year), has been highly effective, as has been demonstrated during this latest dispute. NO other unions took action in solidarity with the maintenance workers, the workers being left to their own devices; at the mercy of, on one side, the party political double-talk, and on the other, commuters, angry at the disruption to their daily routine - primed and willing to scapegoat the strikers,

BEWARE



WE NEVER FORGET
SABOTAGE

mostly unaware, thanks to the Murdoch, Packer and co.'s anti-worker media, of the real causes of the dispute; the vying for political power.

Worse still was the disturbingly successful tactic of playing one union against another, with some 'yellow' unions even signing deals with the CAI (Confed. of Aust Indust) Deals with the very bosses they are meant to be fighting of behalf of their members - agreeing not to take part in the proposed statewide strike.

The absurdity of the conflicting claims should not be lost in the media mire and party bullshit. The ACTU claim, for instance, may as well have not been put forward for all that it will bring the workers - a ridiculous 0.5% extra increase on the 5.5% offered, being the only real difference between theirs and the proposal put forward to the National Wage Case by the govt. Whilst the THC, trying to boost their radical image, and Half-penny, cashing in on the political mileage thru being seen as a 'battler' 'on side' with the workers, took a '6% NOW' stand; imposing maintenance bans via the ETU and thus causing the initial standowns, and subsequent strike, of the ETU workers. A futile, unnecessary and manipulative move designed, not to improve workers jobs, wages or

security, but to gain the political power so sought after by the ALP hacks and union leaders.

As public transport users, and/or workers, we must not continue to stand by and let the service we rely on be run into the ground thru 'rationalisation', which will only lead to less workers, less trams, trains and buses and, consequently, poorer safety (both mechanical and personal) and an unreliable and inadequate service focussed on commuting workers to and fro, rather than public convenience.

As service users (transport or other), we must fight for our right to a decent transport system, opposing any changes such as the Light Rail, (which has already created a form of social apartheid where elderly and disabled are forced to take separate transport than the rest of the community), whilst at the same time supporting the workers when THEY take action to keep their jobs and/or improve their wages and conditions.

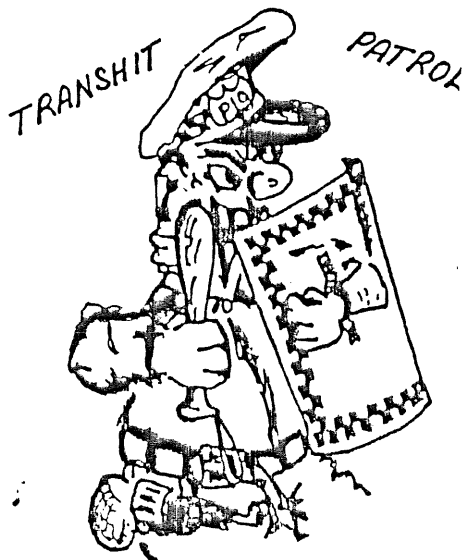
We can do this by joining their pickets, raising public awareness, collecting money for strike support, leafletting and even setting up our own community pickets; a tactic shown by the TUSG (Transport Users Support Group) who graffitied the few remaining trams at Preston depot (during the Xmas strike) with strike support slo-



gans, and by PENI (People for Equality Not Institutionalisation; who led the fight against the introduction of Light Rail, to be highly successful & effective.

Refusal to pay fares (en-mass) during disputes could also be an effective tactic - transport workers have already used refusal to collect fares, but ineffectively, due to it being a 1 day/1-off action, whereas a continuous campaign of this type would quickly hit the MTA (Melb Trans. Auth) where it hurts most, in the pocket.

In fact, general disruption of the system by the community, combined with action by the workers, will always guarantee the realization of our demands, whether they be NO LRV's or better safety thru the retention of conductors and station assistants (both of which are earmarked to go in '89) leaving us with ticket machines and the dubious protection of our latest police force - 'Transit Patrol' - ie. 2 semi-legal thugs accompanied by a fully authorised one. And even if they weren't hated and mistrusted because of their brutality and corruption, they're so thin on the ground you'd be (un)lucky if you see them 3 times in your life. Not so with acc-



~ WE'RE RIDING ON YOU!!



idents, fights and harrassment'....

So we must remember, next time we are inconvenienced by an industrial dispute; remember that strike action is usually initiated, controlled and [eventually] sold out by the union bosses, due to some new political gambit by an ambitious union leech or pollie [big-time leech]. (Strike action is not that popular with workers as, unlike the fat-cat union bosses, they don't get any pay!! Other forms of industrial action are more popular as they don't entail loss of wages whilst still putting the shits up the boss)

And we need to react fast, to support the rank 'n' file in their struggle, a struggle that, if won, will ensure us (in this case) an adequate public transport system.

Thru the rejection of the present unions, and there institutional structures, and the return to direct action (initiated and controlled by the rank and file) in it's many forms: ie. go-slows, stopworks, wildcat strikes, sabotage, along with community action) we can realise and extend these aims to improve our living, working, and overall social situation.

ALL TICKET-

INSPECTORS

All ticket inspectors are short
Is the first thing you note when caught,
They try to disguise this by flashing big badges
At unsuspecting, quivering passengers.

Terror tactics they do use
Luring and lurching and yelling abuse,
Gathered in groups of five and six
What they lack in height they gain in width.

If you're REALLY lucky, you might get to see
Bits of spittle shooting free
From their mouths when they find out
A valid ticket you are without.

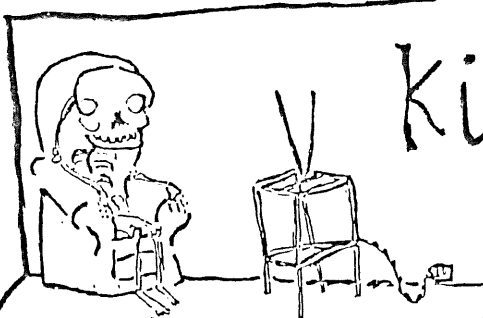
Or the way their eyes glimmer with glee
When they discover your false I.D.,
AND THEN - if you look like a freak
And it's the second time you've been caught in a week,
A body search you're forced to undergo
'Cause railway coppers are perverts you know.

In the force they'd rather be,
You can tell by their eyes - SO BEEDY,
Between their cars are empty spaces,
No hint of life upon their faces,
Roaring their terrible roars and gnashing their terrible teeth,
Ticket inspectors too short to be police.



ARE SHORT!

Is the mass media killing you?



then ya betta tune into

THE SQUATTERS UNION SHOW

FOR SOME REAL NEWS!

11.30 FRIDAYS ON 3CR

SQUATTING IS A NOT A PROBLEM

To many of us, skwotting is the only alternative that we're left with especially if we're living below the poverty line. Rents are usually unaffordable and so this is why we turn to this long held tradition.

However, although we are consistently trying to occupy the vacant dwelling of the rich, conniving, merciless land baron/ess's who want to see us rot in their eagerly fabricated squallor, it's becoming increasingly difficult to do so with their misguided use of the police 'force', who's very (although often forgotten) duty is to protect the people. And as we've found out too often in the past, it's one thing to try and fight the land-leeches of oblivion, but it's another to fight them AND the spiritual sucks of the police, who take pleasure in eviction of those that only want to live in peace and security.

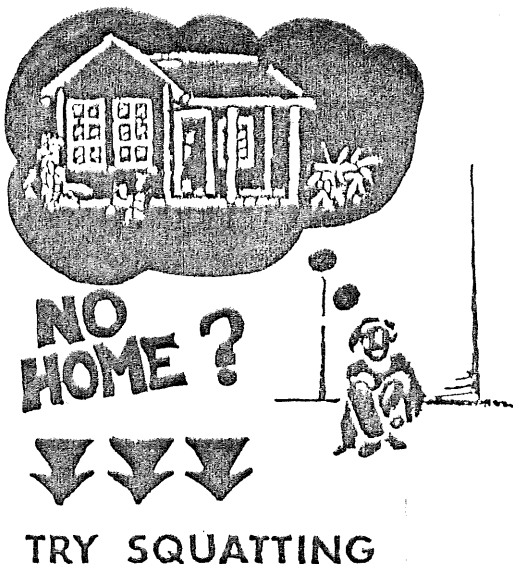
So something must be done - and it must be done NOW!!

We need to act, and we need to be together. And it's only in being together that we can have a chance to combat this sinister conspiracy of the rich 'owning' the law. The law, in theory, belongs to all of us, but until we weight the scales of justice in our favour they'll always remain tipped against us.

An answer I've seen, crucial to our togetherness is that we need to be more networked, more interlocked, if we're to have any chance of survivingwhich, of course we do.

If you skwot, then let it be known, not to the authorities, but to those who care - those who want to help - those who share the same cause. If we don't let each other know where we are then we'll always remain lost and outnumbered when the leeches come to evict. However, if we're together, that is if we're tied in union of support, our numbers will overwhelm & eventually our demands will be met through the balance we will have created.

Let us not be blinded by predjudice of race, religion, creed or ethics or we'll be forever lost in our jail of confusion. Remember that the cause, the reason for doing so, will always remain the same



the reason for doing so (skwotting), will always remain the same, no matter what colour our skin, or how we look, or where we stand. Until such time we'll always be swimming against the tide.



The symbol above can be taken as a generally accepted sign that squatters - or a skwot is nearby. I'm proposing that in the future, this symbol be used to alert those in need that a shelter is near at hand. On a post,

pavement, or at the end to a street, those in search, in truth to the cause ...will know!. Never on the house, or fence to it's bounds, in order to protect from the greedy shits, or misguided police.

We need to unite,
to form a web of being.
And until that time,
we'll remain unseeing.

Let's get together and help each other crush this system of shortage production, and evict the cruelty that lies in their greed.

Noodle String.



It's the No Home Show



SUNDAY 28TH AUGUST
EXHIBITION GARDENS

CAMPAIGN FOR A PERMANENT ANARCHIST CENTRE IN Sydney!

This update is quite late, There has been so much activity since April, we wanted to let the dust settle a bit so we could give you a clearer picture.

The story so far:

Well Jura Books faced an eviction from our premises in August. The future of Jura & other bodies (who have had their home at 417 King St, Newtown since 1977) is an essential part in the development of anarchism & encouraging local radical movement.

After much thought we chose to buy a permanent centre. The time was wrong, politically & economically. Anarchists, Radicals, libertarian & socialist sympathisers were few & a lot are poor. But with the rent rising on the shop, Jura had no other option for the centre to survive. In the ten years of providing cheap literature, much of it impossible to find elsewhere; because of this we were confident that support would be given. All Jura collective members are volunteers, don't receive any money & pay most of the rent plus other expenses.

We're appealing for money & any other help. The response was hesitant at first, but contributions came in, large & small. There was much support given from pensioners, unemployed, & people from the NSW country & from interstate.

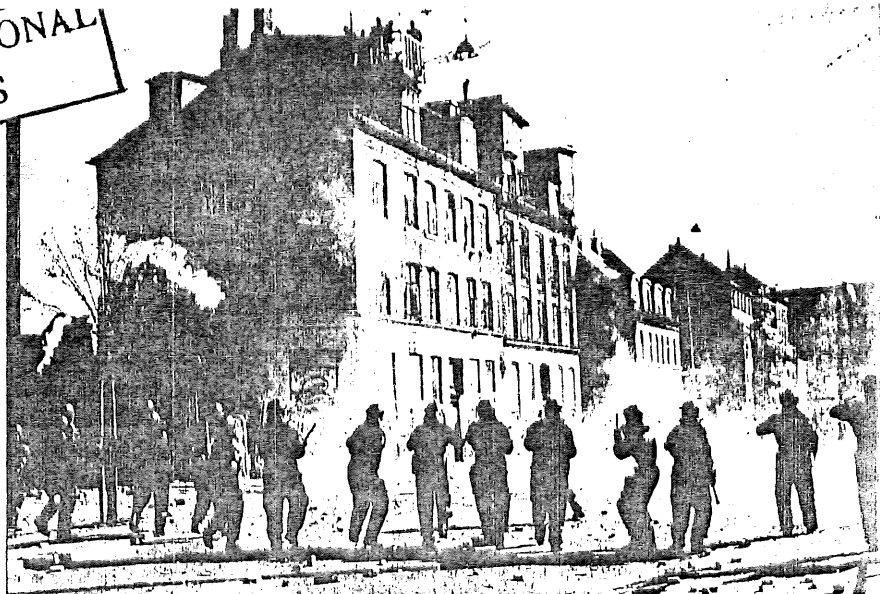
We are a registered non-profit body, Anarchist Resources incorporated, this is to ensure that no individual could ever own the building, & stay within the Anarchist movement. It's located at 110 Crystal St, Petersham - around the corner from the railway station. It costs \$114,000 but we organized a bank loan for \$68,000. There was still \$46,000 to pay plus \$6,000 for legal & similar costs. We ran benefits & simply begged, there were still a few tight squeezes finding money for the bank loan & the 10% deposit.

The final date for settlement is 25 July. We have \$46,000 on hand & some of the legal costs. Another \$3,000 & we have reached our goal! We can't get too much money. Although voluntary & donated materials will keep rebuilding costs to a minimum, we still need money, particularly for rebuilding the front wall, with interest rates rising, the extra money would be well spent reducing our payments. But let's secure the building first. We are appealing to ANYONE with ANY money that could be spared. If the plea for donations falls short, we will be seeking loans - hopefully on generous (ie interest free) terms from supporters, repayable in 6-12 months. Hopefully this will be the last appeal for money. We hope to be looking forward to our next (early August) update announcing the successful purchase, details of our move & celebratory opening party & concert. If all goes to plan, we should be renovating.

In
Solidarity
We Can
Reach
ANARCHY

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BULLY
FIGHTING....
- COPENHAGEN
STYLE!



In May there was a week of actions in Copenhagen involving demonstrations and direct attacks. The press put out the usual rubbish and talked about an impending 'bloodbath' and goading the police by suggesting the BZ (squatters resistance group) had the upper-hand. The climax came when squatters decided to leave a barricaded house. The police sealed off the local area, even though the squatters were visibly leaving the area. The police were then ordered to attack, which they did, beating people up. 21 were arrested, but later released on a variety of charges.

Immediately afterwards a large force of riot police, military police, dog-handlers and Special Branch raided the Youth House, where the recent demonstrations/festival had been organised. The house was defended but all 14 occupants were arrested and charged with 'accessory to violence'—a new law similar to the Public Order law in the UK and the association laws in South Africa.

In direct response a number of militants barricaded Norrebrogade and there was street fighting with the police, resulting in a smashed transit van, two wounded police sergeants. The group then withdrew to the squatted house in Baldersgade, which was then surrounded by police and tear gas used. A 3 hour siege ensued with police being fought off with bricks catapults and tear gas grenades (picked up and thrown back).

Similar actions, in solidarity, took place in other parts of the town and consequently the police were forced to make a tactical withdrawal as they were under-resourced.

That evening over 300 people gathered at the Youth House and mobilised themselves into a march to Blegdamsvej prison where they smashed windows and attacked police cars. On the way back the demonstrators smashed windows of banks. The next day the press published lies claiming the BZ had attacked a kindergarten (in fact the kindergarten was tear-gassed by police). The Mayor called for the closure of the Youth House and a legal precedent was created when it was declared it was a criminal act to be in occupation of the Youth House.

More demonstrations were held outside the prison for the next two days and a recently begun pirate radio station broadcast messages of solidarity to imprisoned BZ'ers. The day after the 18 imprisoned were released on appeal. A few more days a mass demonstration was organised. Armed cops were present: they searched demonstrators and made arbitrary arrests. However one lot of cops were chased and caught by a group of 30 demonstrators and forced to release their prisoners.

Latest news is that Baldersgade is still under threat. The BZ call upon sympathisers to take similar action wherever they live.

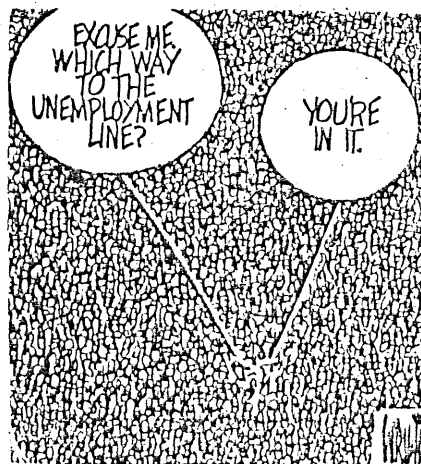
Denmark Out!...

SOCIAL SUCKS, SECTION 412

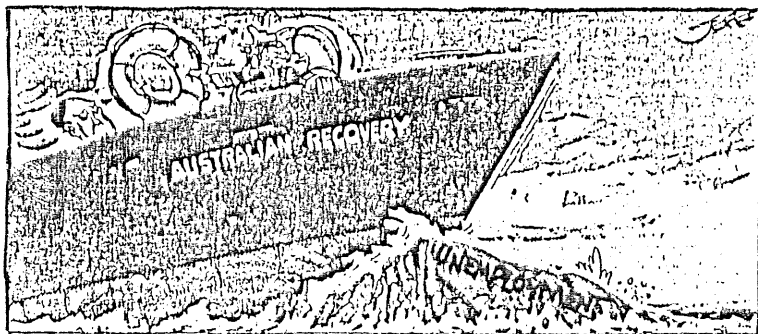
With it's Social Security Review "Income Support for the Unemployed -Towards a More Active System", the government aims to impress the general population with the degree of discipline to which the unemployed can be subjected. The public have been led to believe, through various campaigns that the unemployed are bludgers and welfare cheats who should get a job. The truth is that if all job vacancies were instantly filled, 90% of the unemployed would still be without jobs.

The labor government, since coming into power, has been giving the Social Security system an overhaul, along with the Commonwealth Employment Service, and the Department of Employment, Education and Training.

Back in the better days of pre-83, relatively speaking, the unemployed were able to survive reasonably well. Unemployment Benefits seemed to keep up with the cost of living, and there was a lot more freedom. You could travel around Australia, picking up casual work on the way, or you could do one of the various short term job or training schemes, or you could learn craft skills and get support at a local CYSS grp (Community Youth Support Scheme). If you didn't want (or couldn't get) unemployment benefits, you could just about live on church or state welfare handouts. Then when you were ready, willing, and able, you got a job.



Well things have changed!!...The Labour govt has restructured just about everything. The patterns of behavior of the unemployed have been severely limited and emergency relief has disappeared. Now, to get unemployment benefits, you have to be able to live on \$25-50 until you're 18 with an over-abundance of 'pseudo' training. Then you get a junior rate, and it not until you're 21 that you finally get the full benefit. You have to wait up to 13 weeks before you get ANY \$\$\$. You'll find it near impossible to prove who you are to the SS and you'll have to send them away from your home when they come to interrogate you.



"HERE! ITS TIME FOR PRIORITY TWO!"

There's 3 times as many forms to fill out and an increase in irrelevant personal questions. You'll HAVE to put your form in IN PERSON now as there's no mailing of anything anymore. The cheques, too, have stopped coming in the mail and IF you get any money at all you'll have to provide bank details for direct debitting.

There's the Rent Assistance questionnaire of 2 pages, the Work Test form of about 3 pages and the Application form of 4 or 5 pages, all of which you must regularly fill out because they cut you off so often. You can hardly travel cos they'll cut you off for THAT too!!

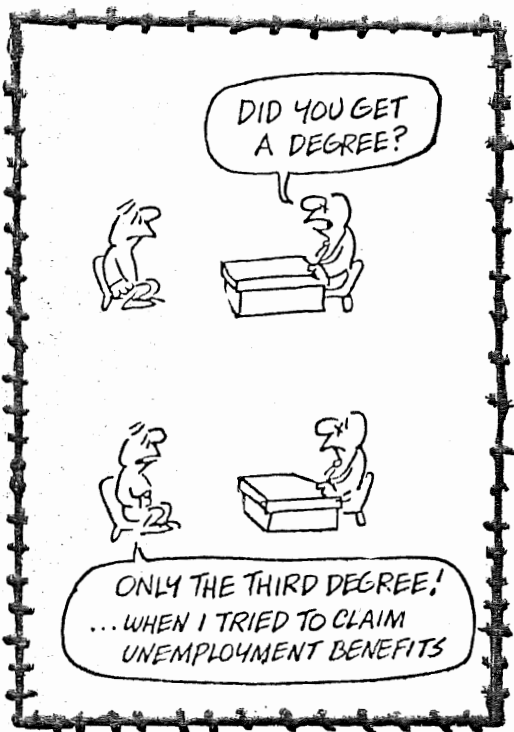
When you reach the point where renting becomes impossible (due to the exorbitant rents that are expected) you'll be forced to squat, and get harrassed by landleeches and police. Then you'll be 'terminared' when you move (or, more to the point, get evicted). Then the Social Security Mobile Investigation Squad (SS Hit Squads) will cut you off too!!.....
.....etc,etc,...

You'll be exhausted, feel powerless and totally sick of reality.

On top of ALL THIS, as of the 1st of Nov '88, you'll be issued with a tax file number (Hawke's 'backdoor ID Card!') which you HAVE to declare to Social Security, as well as for other transactions such as banking, withdrawal, and banking of funds. Otherwise they'll freeze your account, tax you at the top rate and take out Medicare payments.

Then on Jan 1st, 1989, CYSS*, CTP** and CVP*** become 'Skill-Share Programs'; changing from a craft/support program to industrial 'training' for non-existent job opportunities.

In the not too distant future, Unemployment Benefits will change to 4 types of 'payment' (the change from the term 'benefit' to 'payment' is a vital point as 'benefit' recipients cannot be forced to do training where as 'payment recipients can!!!) called Job Search Allowance (JSA), Short Term Employment Payments (STEP), Long Term Employment Adjustment Payments (LEAP), and Transition Age Payment (TAP), thus making CIVIL CONSCRIPTION a reality; with job training, job 'experience' & (and other job-search activities) being COMPULSORY! If you want to educate



yourself further you can and through the Graduation Tax, amount a huge debt to the State in the process. You might even come out of your course in the early 1990's, just at the height of the next Depression, and you'll be 1 of the millions crying out for a piece of bread, while you slave away in 'training' and 'work experience' programs.

The unemployed are being punished for being a product of the Capitalist system. If we haven't already learnt the skills of working to SURVIVE,....
.....then I'm a monkeys uncle!....

WHAT COMES NEXT?? - the 'compulsory' car accident where we disappear??!

IF YOUR UNDER 18 YOU CAN GET:
\$25 for wages p/w
\$25 for young & homeless P/w
\$25 for filling out forms saying that your parents cant afford to assist you financially. Pw

WRING OUT FAIRLEA



On Sunday June 26th over 1000 ♀ turned out to a demonstration at Fairlea ♀ prison to protest against the treatment of ♀ by the prison system. Organised by the Coalition of ♀ Against Prisons, a collection of ♀ groups with a wide variety of interests, it was an afternoon of entertainment and action to encircle the prison by linking arms. The day was co-ordinated in conjunction with the ♀ inside, with all of the actions subject to their approval. The conditions of the ♀ inside are often the same as outside. They are forced to endure brutalisation, medical mismanagement, a lack of information and for the most part are treated as children, their right^{to} self-determination denied by a system that, in general, can't accept ♀ right or ability to control their own lives. For example while most of the ♀ in fairlea are admitted with a drug or alcohol dependency, there is no detox unit at the prison, there isn't even a doctor available 24 hours a day. The failure of the prison to cater to the ♀ need for constant medical care endangers their lives. It shows how much the system is concerned for their health and well being.

It is the social and economic position of ♀ in this society that is, for the main part responsible for their imprisonment. As this position worsens the number of ♀ inside jails increases. The ♀ prison population has increased 450% in less than ten years, as compared with 12% for men in this time. 70% of ♀ were unemployed before imprisonment, 50% are incest survivors. They are usually imprisoned for crimes of poverty; social security fraud- for need not for greed, prostitution (yes you can still go to jail for it) and addiction to drugs of dependence (although a quarter of the population use tranquilizers on a daily basis). ♀ are not being imprisoned for crimes of violence, 2% of ♀ inside are there for serious assault compared to 15% of men. Obviously the real crime is to be poor.

The demo turned out to be a really good day and most of the ♀ who showed up to give their support to the ♀ inside obviously felt quite strongly about the issue. The organisers did a great job with everything running smoothly and a really good feeling flowing among the ♀ there. There was music happening all day with three ♀ bands playing; Rapunzel Gets Down, Nice Girls Don't Spit and Scream Pretty Peggy. 3CR Community Radio set up a live to air transmission of the day to enable the ♀ inside to hear what was going on and get them to ring up the station and have their views heard about the situation inside the prison and the issue of ♀ imprisonment. As a spin off from the day a gig was organised inside the prison, any screws attending had to be accompanied by a prisoner.

At about two in the afternoon, chanting to the beat of some groovy drumming, all of the ♀ there linked arms and encircled the prison. With over a thousand ♀ we easily made it around the whole of the prison, contrary to what the mainstream media decided to report. It was a great feeling, especially when you could hear the ♀ inside yelling out. They also sent out a message, via a brick, a banner saying "united we stand" which sums up a lot of my feelings about the day.

It was about time for a strong show of ♀ at a demo and demonstrates the potential force of the ♀ movement in Melbourne if it decided to get active and vocal. At the end of the day when most were returning to the comfort of their television sets feeling all warm inside after the days events a group of ♀ inside climbed up one of the buildings so we could see them. As their yelling grabbed our attention the reality of the situation really hit home - we could leave, they couldn't.

SOME GENTLEMEN FROM THE GOVERNMENT HAVE COME TO SEE US, DEAR

AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE TREASURER HAVE INDICATED THAT ALL AUSTRALIANS HAVE TO SUFFER A CUT IN LIVING STANDARDS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ECONOMY

AND WE'RE HERE TO PERSONALLY ADMINISTER YOUR CUTS

BUT THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE - WE'RE POOR ALREADY

NO MISTAKE, MADAM. THE DIRECTIVE EXPLICITLY STATES THAT ALL AUSTRALIANS HAVE TO UNDERGO THE CUTS - SO WE'LL JUST EXCHANGE YOUR RATHER RITZY COLOUR T.V. FOR THIS CHAP PORTABLE BLACK AND WHITE ONE, WHICH DOESN'T WORK PROPERLY

HMM - THIS LEG OF LAMB IS DEFINITELY OUT - HERE'S SOME CHEAP MINCE.

AND, HO-HO, A BOTTLE OF BEER! MY, WE HAVE BEEN LIVING IT UP, HAVEN'T WE? WE'LL EXCHANGE IT FOR SOME ORANGE CORDIAL.

AND YOUR CHAIRS WILL HAVE TO GO - YOU'LL HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THESE GOVERNMENT APPROVED CRUDDY CHAIRS FOR A WHILE - AT LEAST UNTIL THE ECONOMY RECOVERS

WELL IT'S NICE TO KNOW WE'RE DOING OUR BIT FOR THE ECONOMY

WELL THAT SHOULD JUST ABOUT DO IT FOR THIS WEEK. WE'LL BE BACK NEXT MONDAY TO REVIEW YOUR SITUATION

YES, I SUPPOSE WE ALL HAVE TO PULL OUR WEIGHT. I WONDER IF WE SHOULD HAVE DECLARED THE CAT...

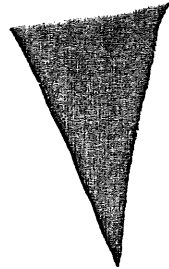
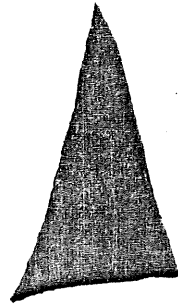
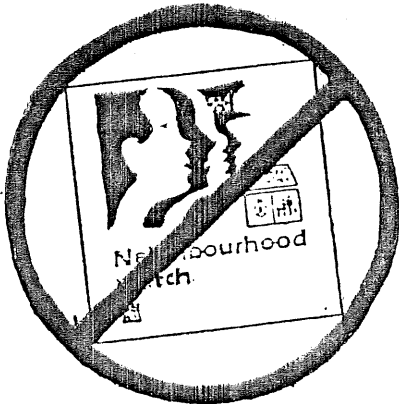
HMM - NICE WALLPAPER - WE MAY HAVE TO SCRAPE THAT OFF NEXT TIME - YOU KNOW, TO GIVE THE PLACE A DINGIER FEEL

Watch

Neighbourhood Watch are watching you and I everywhere to the point of creating an unrealistic feeling of paranoia (which, if you're not careful could classify you as having some sort of illness or something, labels, labels,!!)

Squatters and tenants have got to stand up and be strong for the innocent victims of this gestapo nazi organisation which is oppressing people in Victoria, the police state, in which your friendly neighbour has a link to being in the multiplying civilian police force. They're excuse for this being that they can stop the crime rate. But of course there is crime, people are starving, because the government is just not creating enough jobs and the ones available are most likely gone when you're just thinking of applying. What with 6000 jobs and 60 000 unemployed I ask is it possible to be employed, and recieve award wages.

So of course we need many more people to join our union and help organise and face to face tell this government what we feel about this savage treatment of the unemployed, as everyone should be entitled to a basic survival.



Neighbourhood Watch is just an illusion that is created to induce fear and misdirect people from being politically active and facing the real issues. I interpret this as 1988, the year of hate, which more than ever before has created the most extreme conditioning of racial and class discrimination. So lets get our paint cans together, put a ban on every sign, join the union and demonstrate LOUDLY.

FOR THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITY
IN ACHIEVING EQUALITY FOR ALL.



COPWATCH

Contribution Oppressed People

INDUSTRIAL ARTISTS OF THE WORLD UNITE

OK - you've finished art school, now where do you go from here?...are you waiting to be discovered?..are you waiting for someone to say: "Here, take this land - the means of production, and work within this group and produce art while I give you everything you need to support your efforts"?does this sound realistic? No?. Then why not unite with other young artists, form a collective, and occupy one of the many industrial sites around this city that have fallen from the grace of capitalist eutopianism. In Melbourne, we know the system's fucked, and this attitude has given rise to an energetic new movemnet of anarchic-industrial art.

We are pissed off with the juxtaposition between art and profits, and have taken steps to abolish both property and money: currently 'galleries' are a beauracracy - we wish to disassociate ourselves from such obstructions of community expression and by-pass mainstream commercial 'fine art' galleries, who pervert the expression of working class people into the decadent self-indugent shit of the upper classes.

This is why we have formed an anarcho-industrial artists collective, occupied (squatted) an industrial site, and are actively engaged in producing art which is a true expression of working class struggle against the debilatating hypnosis of a sick culture. (we contacted the owner - he didn't understand, and we don't care!)

The group, being more important than the occupied site, is transitory in it's nature. Therefore it intends to use new environments (that is to

occupy new sites) as a means of contributing to a continuous production of industrial expression.

The collective is anarchist in nature, with sydicalist tendencies, and intends to involve itself in the local community.

By bartering art thru self-organised exhibitions, we intend to aquire most of our basic needs, and for what we cannot obtain in this manner we will drain from the wealth of a system that is in urgent need of redistribution. This approach should detroy the elitism that is usually associated with fine art.

So far, the dynamics of the group includes, drawing; sculpture, photography and film, ceramics, industrial music, and performing arts. All of this, with the support of the Melb. South Anarcho-Sydicalist group and the Squatters Union of Vic. With such support we will be capable of redefining the connotations of the word - 'artistic'; from something you converse over a capuccinno, to a concept that makes fat, white, rich, people cringe to think about.

This new movemnet will enable young artists to escape the capitalist juxtaposition between art and money, which suffocates the artists interpretation of life and politics.

If you are interested in becoming involved, or corresponding, write to:

INDUSTRIAL-ART COLLECTIVE
MELB SOUTH ANARCHO-SYDICALIST
PO BOX 1066
MELB 3122

AIDS~A THEORY....

A.I.D.S. seems to be a very subtle conspiracy projected from the ILUMINATI of this world. They're so richouse that they can't cope with black people & the sub culture. (stemming from a long history of racism)

Their ansvere is to kill us (simple huh!) & how its going to be done is by selecting the appropriat virus, one of the many stored "up their sleeve" then surveying the process of the supposed solution to the threats of society. THE FIRST step was getting rid of the blacks in Africa (nearly all have aids) then letting it spraed through the people who take drugs intravenously & those who like to 'fuck'. Buisness men wont get it, prostitutes use condoms.

It's bloody sick that the heirachy can't handle anyone differnt from themselves, even to the point that people with different colour skin are of lower intelligence!?!? THESE people have problems.

But so do we, because if we catch A.I.D.s we'll be encouraging their deviate power hungry brains.

SO BE CAREFUL

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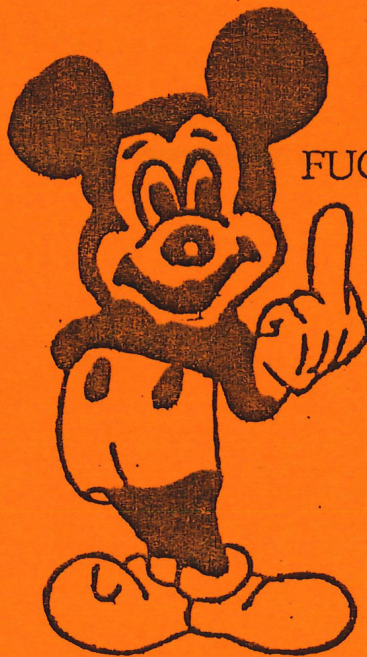
People in Sydney have noticed a recent innovation in park benches. The old wooden seats are being given face-lifts, and structurally altered to provide an armrest in the middle.

But unfortunately, the authorities are not being thoughtful and considering people's comfort.

No, the armrests are to stop the homeless stretching out and sleeping on the seats. Seems they're allowed to be homeless, and probably allowed to sleep. But not in public view!

NOT VERY SURPRISING

What does Mickey say
to parents, teachers,
bosses, police, politicians
or in fact any authoritarian
who would abuse, exploit,
or try to tell him
what to do?



REJECT ALL AUTHORITY